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John McLure Mark Alexander James Smith Aaron Mattijon Nathan Griffith Henry James Will^m Moore Jun. Alex Leith William Goodwin Brian Philpot John Ridgely John Merryman Jun. Hers Courtenay Alex. McMechan William Adams I: Worthington Robert Mullan Ewing and Brown William Dunlop John Deaver William Wilson Sam¹ Thompson

John Buchan George Aston David McClellan Francis Thomas John Cannon John Lees Nich* Jones William Spear William Lock Tames Boyd John Moale John Moore Const. Bull Will^m Young Jun. John Marcery Will^m Lux Robt Purviance James Sterrett Thos Ewing John Boyd. German Inhabitants Twenty three in Number.

Whereas We the Subscribers with a few others, a few weeks ago did Sign a Petition to His Excellency the Governor, complaining of the want of a Magistrate in Middle River Upper and Lower Hundreds and Charging Mess¹⁸ Nich⁸ Ruxton Gay, William Aisquith and Benjamin Rogers with exacting from us exorbitant and illegal fees for Services performed by them as Magistrates.

We do now hereby declare to his Excellency and all others concerned that we were Imposed upon by James Richard who induced us to Sign the aforesaid Petition without any one of Us reading the same or knowing what was therein Contained any farther than he the said James Richards told us which was only to have Capt William Bond put in the Commission of the Peace and We hereby further Certify that neither of the Justices mentioned in the aforesaid Petition ever took any fee from Us for doing any Business as Justices, nor did we intend to Charge them with so doing, nor intend to pray for any thing more than to have the said Capt William Bond made a Magistrate for the Convenience of the Inhabitants of Middle River Neck.

16th May 1767.

John Buck William Bond Whithead Benjamin Mead John Murry Chania Hetten